



Boston Youth Sports News

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Progress, Transitions, and Next Steps

by Chris Smith

As the new school year begins, it is worth taking stock of our collective impact through the Boston Youth Sports Initiative.

We now have a shared view of Boston's rich and diverse youth sports landscape. School, recreation, center, and "sport-plus" programs offer thousands of slots for Boston's young people in every neighborhood of the city. Yet we know from our recent Youth Sports Scan that critical gaps remain.

In partnership with the City of Boston and funding partners – namely, the Play Ball! Foundation, the Boston Foundation, the Red and Blue Foundation, the Red Auerbach Youth Foundation, and the MetLife Foundation -- we have addressed many of these gaps, creating hundreds of new opportunities for underserved children and youth in underserved neighborhoods and schools. Thanks to these efforts, you can now catch a middle school football game at White Stadium, a neighborhood baseball game officiated by a trained Boston teenager, or a Double Dutch tournament.

Just as important, you will find that these opportunities are breaking new ground, paving a national path for "sport-based youth development." National leaders such as Boston University's Institute for Athletic Coach Education and Northeastern University's Center for Sport and Society are equipping coaches locally – both current and future -- with the strategies they need to ensure that youth have the skills they need to succeed in sports, school, and life.

None of this would be possible without the network of strong support and commitment from funders, the collaborative spirit of so many in Boston's youth sports community, and, of course, the able leadership of Chris Lynch, who has served as agitator, adviser, and advocate for youth sports over the past decade. Boston After School & Beyond wishes Chris luck at Squash Busters and is proud to be a part of the citywide effort to which he contributed so much.

Keeping Up-to-Date with Up2Us

Have you been wondering what the folks at [Up2Us](#) have been up to lately? As the season turns to fall, Up2Us is excited to announce two new staff members who will be serving the Boston area.

After a search earlier this summer, Up2Us has found a Regional Coordinator for the Boston area. As Regional Coordinator, Vilma Uribe will serve as a liaison between the national Up2Us program and Boston-area members. She will be working to create opportunities for members to network, supporting members in accessing Up2Us programs and services, and promoting members to share best practices and serve as model programs for others. Also joining the Up2Us team is Susan Golbe, a Research Associate who will be working directly with programs in Boston to build the evidence base of the benefits of sports-based youth development (SBYD). With prior research experience in the

area of SBYD, Susan will partner with local programs to create and implement program evaluations.

Also, don't forget about the [Up2Us National Summit](#), to be held again in **Washington D.C. on October 4th-6th**. The summit is just around the corner, so [register](#) soon if you are interested in attending! The summit is a great opportunity to meet and network with other leaders in the SBYD field, attend caucuses with local representatives, and take part in breakout sessions on important topics facing our nation's youth.

Grant and Funding Listings

Upcoming Deadlines

- > [Baseball Tomorrow Fund, Major League Baseball](#), 10/1
- > [Amelia Peabody Foundation](#), 10/12
- > [Youth and Amateur Athletics, Yawkey Foundation](#), 11/15

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JOBS

YOUTH SPORT POSITIONS

- > President, Appalachian Mountain Club
- > Youth Programming Manager, YOP, Appalachian Mountain Club
- > Coach Across America Program Assistant, MetroLacrosse
- > Assistant to the Regional Manager, Super Soccer Stars
- > Executive Assistant to the President & Founder, Tenacity
- > Tennis Instructor, Tenacity
- > Head Swim Coach, YMCA
- > Lifeguard, YMCA
- > Youth Sports Recreation Director, YMCA
- > Youth Sports Instructor, YMCA

VOLUNTEER

- > Lacrosse Coach, MetroLacrosse (Volunteer)
- > Volunteer Assistant Soccer Coach, America SCORES New England
- > Development Intern, Appalachian Mountain Club
- > Volunteer Operation Snowsports, Youth Enrichment Services

Click here for more details about the listed [Job Opportunities](#).

TRAINING/EVENTS

YOUTH SPORTS TRAININGS/EVENTS

- > Outdoor Leadership Training: Camping & Hiking, YOP, 9/22-25
- > Add to Best Practices in Community Partnerships, Up2Us, 9/27
- > Up2Us National Summit 2011: Think Globally, Play Locally, 10/4-6
- > Natural Connections: Nature at Night, YOP, Appalachian Mountain Club, 10/4

> Double Dutch Coaches Workshop, 11/26

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

> Strategic Decision Making for Community-Based Organizations, 9/27

Send us your upcoming trainings and events so we can post them for FREE in our newsletter and on our website! Email [Janice M. Epstein](mailto:Janice.M.Epstein)

[Detailed Training and Event Information](#)

The Boston Youth Sports Initiative (BYSI) promotes youth sports as a positive youth development and physical fitness approach. Working with and for Boston's urban youth sports programs and supporters, BYSI encourages, strengthens, and builds network connections, with the goals of improved information sharing, quality, scale, and sustainability in the sector. BYSI is a strategic initiative of Boston After School & Beyond. A key part of the BYSI is the newsletter which is edited by Janice M. Epstein.

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